

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 8, 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) Will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) Is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) How might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: March 2, 2000.

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Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Criteria for Distribution of the \$134 million FY2000 Appropriation for School Improvement.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Government, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 52.

Burden Hours: 1,248.

Abstract: To receive funds provided for school improvement in the FY2000 appropriation, a State must amend its State Title I plan to include (1) criteria showing which of the LEAs will receive funds; (2) criteria for determining how much each LEA will receive; and (3) measures to assure that recipients of funds implement public school choice consistent with the statute.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_XIMG_XIssues@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Written comments or questions regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Kathy Axt at (202) 708-9346 (fax). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans; Meeting

AGENCY: President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans (Commission). Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act in order to notify the public of their opportunity to attend. The public is not receiving a 15 day notice of the meeting because of delays in finalizing meeting logistics.

DATES AND TIMES: Thursday, March 9, from 1-5 pm; Friday, March 10, from 9-4 pm.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave, NW, Washington, DC.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard Toscano, Special Assistant for Interagency Affairs, at 202-401-1411 (telephone), 202-401-8377 (FAX), richard_toscano@ed.gov (e-mail) or mail: U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland S.W., room 5E110; Washington, D.C. 20202-3601.

SUMMARY INFORMATION: The Commission was established under Executive Order 12900 (February 22, 1994) to provide the President and the Secretary of Education with advice on (1) the progress of Hispanic Americans toward achievement of the National Goals and other standards of educational accomplishment; (2) the development, monitoring, and education for Hispanic Americans; (3) ways to increase, State, county, private sector and community involvement in improving education; and (4) ways to expand and complement Federal education initiatives.

At the March meeting, the Commission will discuss current and future activities. Specifically, the Commission will focus on ways to institutionalize its work, including ongoing efforts to bring more awareness about federal programs and activities that are assisting Latinos. Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (i.e., interpreting services, assistive, listening devices, materials in alternative format) should notify Richard Toscano, at (202) 401-2147, by no later than March 7. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

The Commission's Sub-Committee on Higher Education will also hold a press briefing on the issue of Latinos in Higher Education on March 9 from 10:00am-12:00pm at the National Press Club.

Records of all Commission proceedings are available for public inspection at the White House Initiative, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave., S.W., Room 5E110, Washington, D.C. 20202 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (est).

Dated: February 29, 2000.

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